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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Mark Dotson, Manager
Western Utah Copper Company
1208 South 200 West
Milford, Utah 84751

Re: Temporary Suspension of Initial Review of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Western Utah Copper Company, Maria Mine, M/001/059, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dotson:

It has come to our attention that you have failed to pay the required 2002 annual permit fees for the Maria Mine and subsequent permits on file with the Division. As you are aware, fees are required at the time the initial permit application is filed and by July 30th annually thereafter, for each active permit and new application under Division review. To date, you have been provided with at least two billing notices for your active permits with no response. Consequently, the Division has temporarily suspended our review of your latest large mine permit application for the Maria Mine. We will suspend our review until the permit fees are paid. If appropriate payment is not received within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, the Division will return your latest permit application and may pursue actions to invalidate your active permits.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact me at (801) 538-5286, or Tom Munson of my staff at 538-5321. We look forward to the receipt of your outstanding fees so we can complete our review of your latest large mine permit application.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Mary Ann Wright, DOGM
Ed Ginouves, BLM, Cedar City

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